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ORDER TO MOBILIZE EXPECTED BY PENNSYLVANIA GUARDS TODAY

Forty-Eight Hours to be Given Commands to Gather at Mount Gretna

CAPT. HARTLAND WAITING

Company A Officers Ready to Issue Call For Men—Recruiting to be First Work, Company Not Being Up to Full Strength

Orders are expected this afternoon or this evening by the Tenth Regiment commanders to mobolize their companies at Mount Gretna within the next 48 hours for active service on the Mexican border. President Wilson late Sunday afternoon issued an order calling out the militia of all the states for duty. It was stated in Washington no additional entry into Mexico is anticipated. Yet there is an air of seriousness that strangely resembles the exciting times of 1898 when the Spanish-American war broke out.

Captain E. W. Hartland of Company A at Monongahela said this morning he expected mobilization orders late this afternoon. It is anticipated the Pennsylvania Guard will be ordered to Mount Gretna to spend likely two weeks preparing and getting equipment in shape.

If the orders come to Company A this afternoon recruiting will be in order. There are now 45 on the roll and the peace strength is 65, with the war strength being 120. To get the command recruited up to peace strength would be the desire of Capt. Hartland. A command of 10,000 men is to be called out and the various brigades at peace strength could send this many into the field. Company A officers are Capt. E. W. Hartland, First Lieutenant James Edgar Gee and Second Lieutenant Walter J. Scott.

POOR DIRECTORS WOULD SELL COAL OF THE COUNTY

Upon petition of the poor directors of the county, R. C. Buchanan, George E. Adams and William W. Hawkins, the court has appointed James I. Brownson auditor to investigate and report the facts, with his opinion whether or not the contemplated s ale of a portion of the coal under the farm of the County home is expedient.

The poor board sets forth that M. W. McClaine, who owns adjoining coal, has offered to buy 75 acres of the County home farm coal at $500 an acre or a total consideration of $37,000. M. W. McClaine has also asked for a piece of the surface of the farm, about ten acres, located between the Hickory road and the road leading to the mines of the Meadowlands Coal Co., at Arden and with the line of the D. F. Maroney farm as its northern boundary. The same is to be laid out in such shape as Mr. McClaine may determine necessary and proper to provide for a mining plant, etc.

Mercantile Taxes.

Now due and payable at the Charleroi Savings and Trust company.
306-t12

Straw hats reduced. All $1.50 hats at 95 cents at Vetters. 3-t6

RECEIVE WORD OF DEATH OF SISTER IN LINCOLN, NEBR.

Mrs. E. M. Chalfant and J. L. Reeves Get News of Demise of Mrs. S. E. Sharp.

Word was received this morning of the death Sunday evening in Lincoln Nebr., of Mrs. Sarah E. Sharp, widow of Rev. J. B. Sharp and sister of Mrs. E. M. Chalfant of Washington avenue and J. L. Reeves of Fallowfield avenue, Charleroi. Death occurred after an illness of several weeks. Mrs. Sharp was the daughter of the late Joseph Reeves of near Carmichaels, Greene county, and belonged to a well known family. Three sons survive, Frank, Charles and William E. Sharp, all of Nebraska. Mrs. Chalfant, her sister here was planning a trip next week to Nebraska when the news came.

MINISTERS WILL HOLD AN OUTING

Summer Meeting of Valley Association Tomorrow; Boat Trip Included

SERMON BY LOCAL MINISTER

Comprising ministers of the river valley from California to Monongahela the Monongahela Valley Ministerial Association will hold its summer meeting tomorrow at Fayette City. Fifty men are entitled to membership in the organization and it is expected that tomorrow there will be a good representation at the meeting.

The meeting after the rendition of a morning program during which the sermon will be preached by Rev. W. G. Mead, Ph. D., of Charleroi, will take the form of an outing. A motor boat excursion to California and return will be a part of the diversions. Base ball, quoit pitching and other sports have been arranged.

BELLE VERNON MAN HAS NARROW ESCAPE IN WRECK

G. A. Gibson's Automobile Crashes Into West Penn Railways Car at Brownsville Sunday.

G. A. Gibson of Belle Vernon narrowly escaped serious injury Sunday morning about 8:30 o'clock when the automobile he was driving collided with the 8:30 West Penn trolley car at the corner of Sixth avenue and Spring street, Brownsville. The car was dragged for a distance of 15 or 20 feet and was badly damaged. The frame and axles were badly bent and considerable damage was also done to the radiator, lamps and other parts The amount of damage could not be learned. Mr. Gibson remained in the car and escaped without injury.

Don't use a barrel. Get an extra pair of pants at Vetters. Two pair with each suit. 3-t6

MONONGAHELA LOOKING FOR STOCK PROMOTER

Promotes Too Much, It Seems, and Fails to Foot Bills—Chamber of Commerce Appoints Committee But Gets Nothing

With a beautiful promise of dividends to be gained in the support of a stock company, to be known as the Monongahela Steel Casting company, a man by the name of R. [illegible] Heckleroth came to Monongahela about two months ago to sell stock. Monongahelans are now bewailing the fact Heckleroth is missing along it is said with some hard earned cash. It is alleged that he failed to be [illegible] about such items as paying his bills.

Heckleroth came to Monongahela in the interests of his company and tried it is admitted to create a sensation. He was a stranger in the community, though he made good to the extent of interesting a number of Monongahela people in the proposition. A committee from the Chamber of Commerce was appointed to work in conjunction with him relative to the organization of his company, but nothing has developed, and it is thought that becoming hard pressed for money Heckelroth left. His disappearance has caused much comment among those who know him. Those having a particular interest in his return are starting a search for him. It is reported that he went to Akron, Ohio.

WILL CELEBRATE NINTH ANNIVERSARY OF CHURCH

Methodists to Observe Next Sunday Appropriately—Rev. Dr. J. J. Wallace to Preach Sermon.

The ninth anniversary of the dedication of the Charleroi Methodist Episcopal church will be observed with appropriate services next Sunday. The present structure was dedicated on June 30, 1907, Rev. A. E. Husted being the pastor at the time. The dedicatory sermon was preached by the late Rev. Thomas N. Boyle.

Next Sunday morning at 10:45 o'clock the sermon will be preached by Rev. J. J. Wallace, D. D., editor of the Pittsburg Christian Advocate. At 7:45 the pastor, Dr. Wesley G. Mead will preach. Special music in charge of August Bosson will feature both morning and evening services.

The Sunday school is planning for a big rally at 9:30 o'clock. The anniversary will be an occasion for home coming for former members of the congregation.

WILLIAM MATHIAS IN U. S. INFANTRY SERVICE AT HAWAII

On duty with the first U. S. infantry at Hawaii is William Mathias son of Tax Collector and Mrs. Mathias of Washington avenue. In a letter just received "Bill" describes a football game that took place last Christmas. He played left end for his team and helped his team win by the score of 20 to 0 over the Mounted service. One of the touchdowns was made by him.

GOVERNMENT MEN START SUMMER HALF HOLIDAYS

Government employes along the river have started their observance of their Saturday half holiday. The rule holds through the summer to September.

SAMUEL MARKER, WAR VETERAN DIES ON SUNDAY

Samuel Marker, aged 77 years a veteran of the Civil war through which he served as a member of the famous Ringgold Cavalry, died at his home near Monongahela Sunday morning of a complication of diseases He had been ill only a few weeks.

In 1871 he married Miss Mary A. Downer, who survives. Nine children are living as follows: Mrs. Edward Spence of Stockdale; Mrs. William Carter, California; Mrs. Charles Hurst, Charleroi; Mrs. Thomas Reed, Moon Run; Miss Jesse Carter, Monongahela; Misses Bertha and Eva Marker at home and Charles and Frank Marker, also at home.

MONESSEN MURDER CAUSED BY WHITE SLAVE QUARREL

Monessen Police Learn Sordid Details of Recent Shooting—Dead Man Had Gun in His Possession.

Chief of Police Wheatley of Monessen who with Officer Carlson was in Pittsburg one day this week after information concerning the late Tony Capillo, alias Tony Polimeni, satisfied himself that the dead man was a white slaver and that he was killed by a man no better than himself but who was enraged over the fact that a girl in which he was interested had been ensnared by Capillo.

A new 32-calibre Colt police gun with all the chambers loaded and a knife of the stiletto order was found upon the person of Capillo. He admitted before he died that he secured the weapons for the purpose of killing the other man, whom he refused to identify and that he would have killed him had not the latter got him first.

It was ascertained by Chief Wheatley that Capillo was formerly located at 1511 Forbes street, Pittsburg and that his place was raided by the police three months ago. He then went to Monessen and has spent most of his time in a pool room on Donner avenue. It is alleged that he and other young Italians in Monessen have been living on the earnings of girls in disreputable houses outside the corporate limits.

DILLON ACCUSED OF BANK ROBBERY LANDED IN JAIL

Special Officer Mitchell Returns With His Man From Montreal, Where Arrest Was Made.

James F. Dillon, alleged accomplice of Thomas H. Talbot, who was convicted as one of the two bandits who robbed the First National Bank at Houston of more than $16,000 is in the Washington county jail, Special Officer Frank H. Mitchell having completed the trip from Montreal, Canada to Washington with his prisoner late Saturday night.

Dillon is wanted also in Colorado where it is said he escaped from a penitentiary while serving a life term for murder.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DEMANDS THAT MINERS RETURN TO WORK

Scale Committee Told Plainly They Will be Expected to Act at Once

BOARD MEMBERS TO BE SENT

Five International Men Ordered to District to See That Difficulties Are Straightened Out—Conference Held At Indianapolis.

That the scale committee of District No. 5 re-apointed at an insurgent convention at Monongahela, tell the men they represent to return to work at once, was the demand of the executive committee of the United Mine Workers of America in a conference with the scale committee and officers of District No. 5 started Saturday at Indianapolis, Ind. To straighten out difficulties five international board members will be sent into this vally.

The scale committee is headed by Leroy Bruce of Charleroi, chairman of the insurgent convention held recently at Monongahela. At this convention plans to oust district officers were talked over when the summons to the conference at Indianapolis came.

It is expected the international board members will assume immediate charge of the situation and that they will endeavor to have miners return to work at once. What effect this will have on the spirit of insurgency in the Monongahela valley remains to be seen, but it appears plain the international organization of miners means business.

So far as is known only the Vesta mines and a few independents are operating now along the valley. Inability to get towboats from lower waters has held back shipments. Saturday and Sunday shipments were made from the Vesta No. 4 mines by river, each of two tows averaging about 125,000 bushels.

ODD FELLOWS ARRANGING TO HOLD ANNUAL OUTING JULY 14

Kennywood Park to be Scene of Picnic Association Gathering—Valley Towns Included.

The Monongahela Valley I. O. O. F. Picnic Asociation, through its committee is making arrangements for the annual outing of Odd Fellows of the valley to be held at Kennywood park July 14. The usual features will prevail. The association takes in lodges from West Elizabeth to California inclusive. Officers of the committee of three from each lodge are: President, J. R. Chalfant, Charleroi; vice president, M. Carnegie, Donora; secretary, Robert McKelvie, Monessen.

CRAP SHOOTING HARD HIT SUNDAY

Effort Made to Break up Pastime Along River Bank, Evidently With Success

FURTHER CAMPAIGN PROMISED

Sunday afternoon river bank crap shooting of which there have been complaints failed to have an inning Sunday or else had it under extreme difficulties. The reason was that Burgess S. L. Woodward and Chief of Police C. W. Albright were on the trail and looking for game.

On recent Sunday afternoons it is has been stated that crap shooting has meen going on all along the river shore. Quietly the police prepared for a raid Sunday, but their prey caught scent and all the stalking was in vain.

Further efforts are to be made to break up the pastime.

TRULY, MIKE, PETE, JIM AND GEORGE ALL ARRESTED

Truly, Mike, Pete, Jim and George were arrested Sunday night for being too active participants at a McKean avenue and Tenth street christening. Their last names are not even on the police docket because the burgess, chief and rest of the department of public safety gave up trying to figure them out. All five left forfeits to apear at a later hearing.

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Business Meeting Called.

An important business meeting of the Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal church has been called for tonight.

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CHILDREN'S DAY SERVICES HELD BY LOCAL CHURCHES

Children's day exercises were held by four Charleroi churches Sunday, the First Presbyterian, the Baptist, the French Presbyterian and Lutheran. Children presented programs consisting of songs, recitations and readings.

POWERFUL RUSSIAN DRAMA AT THE MAJESTIC TONIGHT

At the Majestic theatre tonight Anitia Stewart is being featured in "The Suspect" a powerful drama of Russian bureaucracy. This is a Vitagraph film and an all-star attraction. Nihilism is treated in a way that brings home the vivid realities of the Russian system. A big Triangle program is promised Tuesday and on Wednesday Clara Kimball Young will be at the Majestic in "The Feast of Life."

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INDUSTRIAL PREPAREDNESS

The [illegible] that have [illegible] every [illegible] by the [illegible] preparedness [illegible] United States [illegible] relative [illegible] men of America and the [illegible] ernment. The information [illegible] is the first fruit of the [illegible] army of 30,000 American [illegible] members of [illegible] bodies, who form the [illegible] the committee organized [illegible] for the government the [illegible] industrial resources of the nation in time of war, remarks the Washington Observer.

The manufacturers of the nation, recognizing the highly qualified and non-partisan personnel of this movement, which has the strong support of the president, the military heads and the chamber of commerce of the United States, have almost without exception responded with the most intelligent patriotism and the deepest interest in this close-knit movement for a thorough-going industrial preparedness. They were called upon to give very comprehensive information on the adaptability of their factories, mills and mines to federal uses from the hour of military mobilization, the data to be held in the strictest confidence for the sole scrutiny and benefit of the war and navy departments of the United States.

A few manufacturers have doubted the ability of their plants to aid the government in war-time. They have almost invariably changed their views when shown how little doubt there is that on the outbreak of war practically all concerns not engaged in lines of work essential to the national needs would be stripped of their labor ,either for the army or for manning other industrial plants vital for the supply of such needs and that in the event of hostilities probably 80 per cent of the industries of America would of necessity be concentrated on producing the myriad elements of twentieth century welfare.

It has been made very clear to such business men that in the last equation it will be to the material interest of every American manufacturer to have determined now, in time of peace and plenty,just what he can do for the republic in time of emergency. Finally there has been made equally plain the necessity for having the least possible shock to economic and labor conditions on the advent of war and the advantage therefore of having the greatest possible number of plants kept at work.

SHORT WHEAT CROP.

Government crop reports indicate there will be a shortage of 300.000.000 bushels in the wheat crop this year as compared with 1915. But this does not mean we will be reduced to the extremity of Germany and other European countries of using potatoes to eke out the bread supply, says the Uniontown Herald. It merely means there will be higher prices for the farmer to get and the consumer to pay.

It is stated that 200.000.000 bushels of last year's crop is still available. The yield last harvest and the year before eclipsed all records. Thanks to the war high prices were secured by the growers and the prosperity brought by the war made the burden upon the consumer lighter than it otherwise would have been.

Because of the war and its interference with wheat growing activities in other countries the United States, Canada and Argentine have been the chief source of supply for the world. They have had remarkably fine crops for two years. Has Providence attended to this and does the expected paucity of the yield this season forecast the end of the war?

The announcement of the beginning of coal shipping down the Monongahela river after a period of suspension and trouble lasting three weeks is rather cheering. It is to be hoped there are no further suspensions to hamper industry. Mines not only have been closed but other industrial concerns have been forced to radical action and in some cases to actual curtailment of their operations through the unexpected coal mining troubles resulting in coal shortage. The action of the Jones and Laughlin company in advancing the wages of the miners practically as the miners desired on the basis of last year's scale was a practical movement, and may as predicted prove to be the thing that will break the backbone of the Monongahela valley strike.

Majestic
TODAY
Vitagraph Blue Ribbon Company
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Anita Stewart
with S. Rankin Drew and
Bobby Connelly in
The Suspect
A powerful drama of
Russian Nihilism
Anita Stewart wears exquisite gowns in this photoplay

Tomorrow
Big Triangle Program

WEDNESDAY
Clara Kimball Young in
"THE FEAST OF LIFE"

Rightly a fire department should be supported outright by the borough or city it serves. But as long as boroughs or small cities are poor, the system will continue as it is, which amounts to the fire department being composed entirely of volunteers and buying all or some of its own equipment through its own efforts. In Charleroi the fire department owns the fire truck, to say nothing of some of the other fire fighting apparatus. But for the present that is neither here nor there. The fire department is constantly facing expenses that must be promptly met: the borough does not pay them because in the final analysis it is not able. Just at the present time a clean cut contest is being conducted, the purpose being to raise money for the work of the department. The fire department by the effort is not only helping itself and by that helping the whole community to better fire protection and lessened insurance rates, but it is helping some boy also to the acquisition of an auto fire truck that is as desirable a mechanical contrivance as one could think of. A little sacrifice now for the department will be well worth while.

ELECTRIC SPARKS

Popular question of the day: "Are you going to war?" Popular answer: "Huh?"

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Isn't it strange that instinctively you feel some men you meet are cheating justice by not going to jail.

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It is Monongahela now that is taking a turn at enforcing the automobile laws. This thing seems to be an annual affliction, but then most towns quickly recover.

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It is announced the Russian army has captured Czersowitz. This is more believable than that the Russian army has captured a million prisoners in three days.

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If the United States and Carranza determine to fight what will become of poor Villa?

PICKED UP IN PASSING

A New York man took a run not long ago into Connecticut to a town where he had lived as a boy.

On his native heath he accosted a venerable old chap of some 80 years, who proved to be the very person the Gothamite sought to answer certain inquiries concerning the place. As the conversation proceeded the New Yorker said:

I suppose you have always lived around here?"

"No," said the old man. "I was born two good miles from here."—Harper's Magazine.

They visited the museum and were looking at the status of a Roman gladiator. One of his arms was broken off, his left leg ended at the knee, his helmet was battered and there were several patches on his face. He represented "Victory."

"I say,' said one of the visitors to his companion, "if that fellow won,I would like to see the bloke who lost."—Boston Globe.

TRY A CLASSIFIED AD

Waltzing Ostriches.

One of the oddest sights of the sandy stretches of plain in southern Africa is a party of waltzing ostriches. A writer on the subject thus describes their queer antics:

"When [illegible] a number of them, they will start off and after running a few hundred yards will stop and, with [illegible] whirl rapidly round [illegible] —Philadelphia Inquirer.

Mourning Friday.

It [illegible] Good Friday [illegible] Germany it was [illegible] days. Our early ancestors in England did not call it Good Friday, either, but Long Friday. Such is the term in an ancient ecclesiastical law about 1000 years old. The Danes used the same name, Long, instead of Good Friday.

The reason for using the word "long" was doubtless found in the seeming endless and severe fast practiced that day. At one time the Spaniards emphasized the solemnity of Good Friday by closing all the churches.

Nowhere else that I have happened to be on a Good Friday was the day so solemnly observed as in Rome. The city seemed to be in mourning, making all the more inspiring the matchless services and singing in St. Peter's cathedral on Easter.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Settling the Score.

Was it envy that caused the elderly spinster to criticise so severely the home and furniture of her newly married friend?

Whatever it was, the young wife was getting tired of it.

"Well, anyway," she said presently as she pointed to a pretty little china clock, "if you don't like my furniture you must surely like that?"

"Yes: it is rather nice," said the visitor grudgingly. "Who gave it to you?"

"Oh, it wasn't a present!" explained the bride. "I won it in a raffle."

"A raffle!" The spinster drew her angular figure rigidly up. "I never lend my face to such things!"

"Perhaps that's just as well," retorted the younger woman as she gazed meaningly at the other's sour features, "because if you did I'm afraid nobody would buy the tickets!"—London Globe.

Man.

As a general thing, taken by and large, men are honest—except with themselves.

A man will cheat himself on his score at golf, when he knows that failing to set down the full number of strokes does not make him a better golfer.

If he is a fat man and is dieting to reduce he will shove the weight back a pound or two on the scales when he knows in his heart he is heavier than that.

Then he will tell his friends about "going around yesterday in 92" and "taking off a pound and a half in three days" by his diet.

With these two exceptions almost every man is honest. Therefore all you need to do is to discount what he says about golf or reducing.—Judge.

Not a Question of Etiquette.

Mrs. Hendricks (the landlady)—Can I help you to some more soup, Mr. Dumley?

Mr. Dumley—No, thanks.

Mrs. Hendricks (engagingly)—Don't refuse, Mr. Dumley, because it isn't considered good form to be helped twice to soup. We're not particular people here.

Mr. Dumley—Oh, etiquette has nothing to do with it, madam; it's the soup.

Strawberry Festival.

Auspices First Baptist church, former Star theatre building, Tuesday evening 5 to 8. 3-t2

GINGLES' JINGLES

LIFE.

"Whoop 'er up," this world is dandy, just the kind that we enjoy, full of sunshine—it's the candy, nothing shall our peace destroy: we have learned that we can't change it, so we simply let 'er whiz—knowing we could not arrange it any better than it is. Thus we're feeling mighty cheerful, thus we get a line that's true, just a classy, happy earful, wising us on what to do: grabbing things as they are slipped us, being satisfied and free, nothing better could be tipped us, naught could fill us more with glee, than the thought we've learned to like it here on earth beneath the stars, from this planet we'd not hike it —though there was a road to Mars. Yes, we're satisfied and happy and we shall continue thus, life is cheerful, bright and snappy—up to you and up to us. Lein H. Gingles

San Francisco's Natural Harbor.

San Francisco has the advantage of a natural deep water harbor. The bay of San Francisco is one of the few very great harbors of the world. Of those otherwise so situated as to be [illegible] it is comparable only with the harbors of Sydney and Rio Janeiro. There [illegible] —San Francisco [illegible].

Electric Current.

One of the simplest electrical devices known to the average person is the incandescent electric lamp. According to the Electrical Experimenter, if we could obtain a sufficient number of these lamps of the twenty watt size and string them along a wire line from the earth to the moon, the lamps being fifteen inches apart, the amount of current necessary to light them would then represent the amount of power generated by all the dynamos in the United States, which in their entirety have an output of about 20.250.000.000 watts per hour.

For another illustration we might stretch a line of two conductors fifteen times around the earth and place on this 1.000 watt lamps, 100 feet apart. The power required to light this gigantic line would also represent the electrical energy produced by these ever humming dynamos.

Ways of the Burman.

The Burmese are a fascinating people. Unlike the native of India, a Burman can laugh and enjoy a joke. I have seen a native of India smile. I have never seen one laugh, whereas the whole idea of the Burmese, as a race, would appear to be to enjoy themselves and make the best of a short life and try to make it a happy one. The men are sportsmen, and if they are lucky enough to make money they spend it. Their chief amusements are horse, or, rather, pony, racing, cockfighting and gambling, and they will back their fancy with their last coin. On the other hand, they are lazy and indolent and as soldiers or policemen utterly untrustworthy, but brave and fearless of death.—From "And That Reminds Me."

Mimics Among Birds.

Birds, from the ostrich down, are imitative. The ostrich, where he lives alone, is silent, but in a country where lions abound he roars. Why? Because for centuries, admiring the lion's roar, he gradually learned to roar himself. Among small birds, buntings imitate pipits, and greenfinches imitate yellowhammers. They seek their food in the winter together, and they gradually steal each other's calls. The jay is an insatiable imitator. Some jays will include in their repertory not only the cries of songs of other birds, but also the bleat of the lamb and the neigh of a horse. Even the nightingale imitates. In a nightingale's song it is sometimes quite easy to detect phrases he has borrowed from other birds.

The Thing to Do.

The youngster had just been told the story of Daniel in the lions' den, and the question had been put to him:

"What do you think Daniel did the very first thing when he found he was saved from the lions?"

The child reflected a moment and then replied, "I suppose he telephoned home to his wife to tell her he was all right."—New York Times.

Hotel Insurance Against Robbery.

At a well known hostelry in Venice it is the practice to charge guests 25 centimes per diem for insurance against fire and robbery, the amount covered for this premium being 1.500 francs. This is a very convenient arrangement, as robbery is far from uncommon in Italy.—London Truth.

Billy, Do.

As William bent over her fair face he whispered, "Darling, if I should ask you in French if I might kiss you, what would you say?"

Nancy, calling up her scanty knowledge of the French language, exclaimed, "Billet doux."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

A Would Be Widow.

He (who has just proposed)—I hope you don't think that I am too old for you? She—Oh, no! I was only wondering if you were old enough.—Illustrated Bits.

Not Filling.

Lady of the House—You say you haven't had anything to eat today? Tramp—Lady, de only t'ing I've swallered today is an insult.—London Answers.

Financial Note.

"Pop, what is a promoter?"

"A promoter, my son, is a man who can make either a dollar or a penny look like 30 cents."—Life.

Be true to yourself and you do not need to worry about what the neighbors think.

What Befell an Ammunition Train

By F. A. MITCHEL

John [illegible] of New York when the [illegible] was [illegible] to [illegible] He went to England, where he was commissioned an [illegible] and was sent to [illegible].

[illegible]

John was [illegible] for thirty-six hours, then charged it. They took it, and it was retaken and taken again several times. John was up in the air directing the British gunners where to fire when he saw a long ammunition train beneath him moving toward that part of the German line which was engaged. Signaling the fact and its location, it was bombarded, with the result that a number of the men operating it were killed.

While he was looking at the train something gave way in the machinery of his aeroplane, and he began to drop. He succeeded in starting up again just before landing, and this saved his life. He fell in a thicket of low growth bordering a creek, and before the Germans came up to seize his machine he succeeded in getting away from it and hiding under some rocks.

It was not long, however, before he heard voices nearing him and concluded that he had better move on, for he was doubtless being hunted. Hearing the hissing of a locomotive, he knew he was near the ammunition train he had seen. He climbed up the bank, and, sure enough, there within a hundred feet of him was the engine standing on the track without any one visible in the cab.

John made up his mind to a bold dash. Running to the locomotives, he mounted to the cab, and there lay the engineer mutilated. He had been killed by a shell fragment. The missiles were still coming so thick that John did not expect to live very long himself. He determined to take that train away from where its freight was especially needed. He knew very little about a locomotive: but, always having been fond of machinery, knew enough to back up. This he did, slowly at first; but, gathering impetus, and then reaching a decline in the grade, he moved quite rapidly. He saw an officer galloping toward him, frantically waving his sword, doubtless as a signal for him to stop, but by this time John was going as fast as the rider and paid no attention to him. A switch had been left open, and the result was that two-thirds of the train was dumped into the creek.

This caused a halt, and John knew that it was time to get out before any one could reach him. It occurred to him that the best chance for him was to hide under the engine. He succeeded in getting there in time to escape detection. A few minutes later there was a babel of voices about him—officers, soldiers and train hands shouting and gesticulating. Finding the engineer's body in the cab, they supposed that he had been running the engine, and his being killed had caused all the trouble.

It occurred to John that if he could reach a point where the overturned cars were in the creek he might find a more permanent hiding place. Waiting till the crowd had left the engine he peeped and saw that the car next back of him was leaning against underbrush. He succeeded in getting from under the locomotive to this car without being seen, and then it was an easy matter to wriggle through the brush and down to the creek.

John was in the enemy's line, but there was no necessity for him to be suspected of wrecking the ammunition train. The chances of his getting back to his comrades were slight, and he made up his mind to surrender himself when he could do so without exciting any especial suspicion. He remained in the creek till night made his hiding more effective: then crawled up on to the opposite bank of the creek from the wrecked train.

All was still except periodic booms. There was no evidence of any one being near him, and it occurred to him to take his chances of getting into the British lines. This would necessitate his approaching the German trenches from the rear, since the two forces were facing each other and very near together. Advancing, he soon came to the German trenches. He walked over one of them without their suspecting his not being one of them and maneuvered among the trees and brush till he suspected the position of the British. Crawling near to them, he whistled "God Save the King" in a low tone.

"Who's there?" came a voice and a simultaneous click of a rifle.

Without replying at once John changed his position, then called in a low voice:

"Friend."

In another moment he was in the British lines.

When John related his adventure to his general and it was learned that it was through his feat that the Germans had discontinued their attacks he was offered anything he might ask for.

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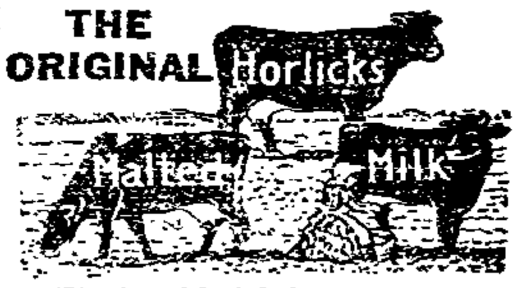

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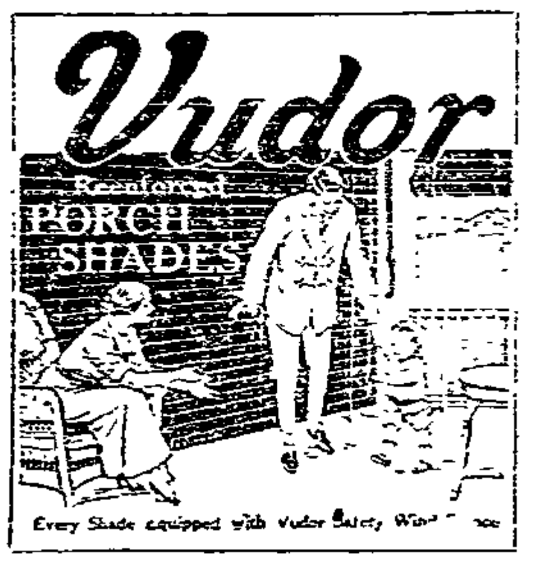
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PITCHERS ENGAGE IN DUEL

After an automobile parade led by the Louhi band of Monessen, the Pittsburg Steel Products Company baseball team in the opening home game of the season on the Charleroi grounds Saturday afternoon suffered defeat at the hands of "Nig" Smith's grand division, P. R. R. team of Pitcairn. The game was a crackerjack except in excusable places.

The parade was over the chief streets of the borough, the first car in line being that of County Commissioner John O. Watson, with Burgess S. L. Woodward in the seat with him. In the automobiles immediately following were members of the two teams in uniforms and a number of citizens of Monessen and Charleroi.

The game resolved itself into a pitcher's duel between Joe Gray of the Steel Products team and Hilty of the railroaders. Just to get things right, Gray is held within calling distance by the New York Americans and Hilty is a young wonder who is considered one of the best in railroad circles and the independent circuit. Gray allowed eight hits and struck out eight men. Hilty permitted nine hits and struck out ten men, so that honors were about even. Hits were considerably scattered. The crowd was one of the largest that has packed the grounds for years.

The first score of the game was made by the first man up in the first inning, Rowe completing the circuit after being given a base on balls. He stole second and reaching third on an out at first, stole home on a short throw to second.

In the fourth the Steel Products nine tallied its first. Craft doubled. Immediately Joe Gray duplicated the performance and Craft came in. In the fifth Joe Guder singled. His brother Fred singled to right and an effort was made to catch Joe at third, then to catch Fred at second. The play was all right until the ball reached second, where the second baseman played horse. Joe tallied.

The visitors scored twice in the fifth Wagner was hit by the pitcher. Hilty doubled, sending Wagner to third, Rowe fanned and Geisel singled, bringing in two runs. In the eighth Vetterly hit for two bases. Two men went down and Sleeth singled. That brought in the run. Score:

Steel Products	R	H	P	A	E
Parks, l	0	0	2	0	0
Nichols, l	0	0	0	0	0
J. Guder, m	1	2	0	0	0
F. Guder, r	0	3	0	0	1
Russell, 2	0	0	3	3	0
Courtley, c	0	0	9	1	0
Rivers, s	0	2	4	3	0
Savage, 3	0	0	1	1	1
Craft, 1	1	1	8	1	0
Gray, p	0	1	0	2	0
Total	2	9	27	11	2

Pitcairn P. R. R.	R	H	P	A	E
Rowe, 3	1	1	1	3	0
Geisel, r	0	2	2	2	0
Crompton, s	0	1	2	0	0
Vetterly, c	1	1	9	2	0
Jones, m	0	0	0	0	0
Smith, 1	0	0	9	0	0
Shenefeld, 2	0	1	0	0	0
Sleeth, 2	0	1	3	2	1
Shuttleworth, l	0	0	0	0	0
Wagner, l	1	0	1	0	0
Hilty, p	1	1	0	5	0
Total	4	8	27	14	1

Steel Products 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 0—2
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Two base hits—Craft, Gray, Hilty, Vetterly. Stolen bases—Russell Rowe 2, Crompton, Shenefeld. Sacrifice hits—Craft, Geisel. Struck out—By Gray 8, by Hilty 10. Bases on balls—Off Gray 4, off Hilty 4. Double plays—Rivers to Russell, Gray to Craft to Courtley. Umpires—Riley and Warner.

CHARLEROI BABES DEFEAT COKEBURG

Score of 5 to 1 Chalked Up Against Miners in Their Home Villiage

PITCHERS BOTH WORK WELL

While the grounds were occupied locally by the Steel Products team Saturday the Charleroi Babes went to Cokeburg and defeated there the Cokeburg nine by the score of 5 to 1. The game was a good one with Donahue and Hoge fighting it out from the slab. Hits were few. The game progressed like a house afire.

Charleroi scored in the first when Phillips, first man up, clouted out a two bagger. Schafer won a base on an error that brought Phillips home. That was all the scores until the fifth when the "Babes" talied four runs. Scheiler landed for two bases. Tippins went out to the shortstop. Miller was safe on an error, and the scoring was started. Protin was safe on an attempted sacrifice and Donahue went first on an error. Phillips was given his bag on a life and Schafer cleaned the bases with a triple.

Cokeburg's lone run was brought across in the sixth. Makepeace was presented with a walk and went second on a single. Then he finished the distance on Decker's two bagger. Score:

Charleroi	R	H	P	A	E
Phillips, 1	2	1	12	0	0
Schafer, 3	0	1	0	1	0
Sannier, s	0	0	2	3	1
Claybaugh, c	0	0	6	0	0
Scheiler, 2	1	2	0	4	1
Tippins, r	0	0	1	0	0
Miller, l	0	0	1	0	0
Protin, m	1	1	4	0	0
Oates	0	0	0	0	0
Donahue, p	1	0	1	1	0
Total	5	5	27	10	2

Cokeburg	R	H	P	A	E
Roach, 3	0	1	0	0	3
Lindsay, 2	0	0	4	2	2
Williams, r	0	1	1	0	0
Makepeace, c	1	0	8	1	0
Maize, l	0	1	2	0	0
Decker, 1	0	1	8	0	0
Berger, s	0	0	4	3	0
Peters, m	0	0	0	1	0
Hoge, p	0	1	0	5	0
Total	1	5	27	12	5

Charleroi ....1 0 0 0 4 0 0 0 0—5
Cokeburg ....0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0—1

Two base hits—Phillips, Scheiler, Roach, Decker. Struck out—By Donahue 5, by Hoge 4. Bases on balls—Off Donahue 2, off Hoge 1. Three base hit—Schafer. Stolen bases—Peters 2. Sacrifice hit—Phillips. Double play—Hoge to Makepeace to Decker. Umpire—Campbell.

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Queer Tail of a Bird.

Signal officer of the birds' army corps is the racket tailed humming bird. For his duties nature has equipped him with a pair of purple flags fashioned out of two long and peculiar tail feathers. He wigwags his signals from one tree to another, issues his challenges to battle and courts his mate. When he's not signaling he's sipping honey from the flowers and trying to keep his tail from entangling itself in the briars.

He's a midget of the South American mountains. He has short wings, which he operates at lightning speed. His tail is a combination of two wirelike handles, with a purple tuft of feathers at the end of each. He crosses them near the middle, and sometimes he brings the pair of "rackets" at the ends to his head, as though trying to fan himself.

The male birds have a sort of love dance which they engage in during the mating season. Then they play all sorts of tricks with the rackets.—Philadelphia North American.

Australia's Stony Desert.

The great stony desert of north Australia was discovered by Captain Sturt, an Australian explorer, in 1845-6. It is north of the river Darling and is about 340 miles long and 100 broad, consisting of sandy dunes or ridges. Its want of trees, except along the creeks, gives the country a sterile appearance. These ridges were probably formed by the joint effect of winds and a gradually retiring sea. According to Captain Sturt, these waters were gradually lost by evaporation or carried to some undiscovered sea. The only vegetation, growing scantily, is prickly acacias in full bloom, all of stunted growth. Water is scarce except in the creeks which are sheltered, and this is generally brackish. Few travelers care to traverse this inhospitable desert.

He Explains.

"What did you call your silver mine?"

"The American Boy."

"Any particular reason for calling it by that name?"

"Well, it had plenty of pockets, but nothing in them except rubbish."—Kansas City Journal.

By Degrees.

"My dear, isn't that dress a trifle extreme?"

"Extreme! Why, I put this on in order that you may become accustomed to the one I am having made."—Judge.

Their Kind.

"I understand this locality is considered a very aristocratic one."

"It certainly is. Even the bills out here have crests."—Baltimore American.

He Wasn't First.

She (just kissed by him)—How dare you? Papa said he would kill the first man who kissed me. He—How interesting. And did he do it?—Judge.

A Forecast.

Jones—What do you think will be the end of the woman question? Brown—There won't be any end. They'll always be asking 'em.

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A Nigerian's Aspiration.

An advertisement by an English firm recently appeared in a London daily newspaper for an experienced youth for their office in London. Among the replies received was one from northern Nigeria as follows:

"Having seen your name and address I am more than please to ask for a berth in your office. And also as you state in the paper that you want a good and experienced youth in your office which I beg to office myself in the post. I learn typewriter, but have not yet completed it. Shorthand I have learn, and I can write, but not so fast as a man who can write 150 words in a minute.

"If you want me kindly let me know, and if not let me know same.

"I am a Gold Coast youth of sixteen years.

"I hope you will not fail to do the same.

"Expectantly awaiting to hear from you as thus as ever."—London Spectator.

Desperate Diet.

It is amazing what people will eat at a pinch.

A recent arctic explorer seriously advised the wearing of skin clothing in preference to woolen simply and solely because, if the worst came to the worst, one's outfit could be stewed for a meal or at any rate given to the dogs!

Well, when a man finds enjoyment and a sort of inward satisfaction in a stew made of his vest, his shoelaces and his sledge gear, he must be pretty "peckish," and when he gets back to civilization he will make a model husband, never likely to turn up his nose at cold mutton on washing days.

The bishop of Yukon thinks nothing of eating his boots. He had probably declared he was ready for that operation many a time when he was a boy, but he has actually done it since he came to man's estate—in his case the great gold field of arctic Alaska.—London Answers.

Mere Appetizers.

Dr. Wilfred Greufell, the Labrador physician, tells the following amusing story about one of his trips on a komatik, or dog sled.

He and his guide were on the way to a distant village, where a small boy was reported to have "found himself in his stomach," which means in the semi-Chaucerian dialect of Labrador that he was afflicted with indigestion. The guide "cleft the split" (split the wood) and prepared the luncheon of steaming tea and pork buns, one of the few natural foods that really does not freeze.

"Where," inquired Dr. Greufell, "are the compressed food tablets? I gave you a month's supply this morning."

"Oh," answered the guide impassively, "I ate them after breakfast," and he hungrily bit into his pork bun.

Events That Pass Us By.

We can be but partially acquainted even with the events which actually influence our course through life and our final destiny. There are innumerable other events, if such they may be called, which come close upon us, yet pass away without actual results or even betraying their near approach by the reflection of any light or shadow across our minds. Could we know all the vicissitudes of our fortune life would be too full of hope and fear, exultation or disappointment to afford us a single hour of true serenity.—Hawthorne.

Favorite Son.

"Are you a favorite son of your state?"

"No," explained Senator Sorghum. "I don't believe I care to be. A favorite son is too liable to be regarded by outside observers as a pampered pet who might be all the better with an occasional licking."—Washington Star.

The Last Word.

Hubby (with irritation)—Why is it that you women insist upon having the last word? Wife (calmly)—We don't. The only reason we get it is because we always have a dozen arguments left when you stupid men are all run out.

Her Good Point.

"Your laundress seems to be a timid sort of woman."

"Yes, but she always manages to put up a stiff front."—Baltimore American.

PRACTICAL HEALTH HINT.

Sleeplessness.

The inability to sleep is frequently caused by nervousness—the strain of the day's work. Fatigue, too, keeps one awake, for many there are who are too tired to sleep. If the food eaten during the day has been insufficient one should eat sandwiches of bread and cheese or ham and drink a glass of hot milk at bedtime. Sometimes an apple or two or some figs or raisins will be enough to satisfy the craving (unrecognized) for food. Drinking water is needful, too, to promote the absorption of the food. Two or three glasses of either hot or cold water at bedtime will be of service.

Restlessness or nervousness is always relieved by a hot bath before going to bed. This, too, takes away the tired feeling.

The night clothing should be loose at the neck and wrists and roomy, and none of the daytime garments should be worn to bed.

PERSONALS

Mrs. J. R. Wilson and children have returned to their home at Washington after visiting with Mrs. Wilson's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Clutter of Crest avenue. She was accompanied by Miss Janet Clutter.

Mrs. Arch Osborne and daughter have gone to St. Mary's where they will spend the summer.

Miss Sarah Claybaugh visited with relatives at Uniontown Sunday.

Ernest Fiori and Jules LaRue have gone to Cleveland where they have accepted positions.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Haube and daughters, Julia, Irene and Alice motored to Blairsville Sunday and visited with relatives.

Frank Beatty visited over Sunday at his home at Fairchance.

Mrs. Henry Cornu of Pitsburg is visiting with friends in Charleroi.

Albert Osborne and John Brown visited over Sunday at Pittsburg.

Misses Alice and Emily Sedan of Fiorelle visited with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mouly.

Earl Hott and Misses Frances Hott and Lollie Laborie visited with Miss Laborie's sister Mrs. Adrian Reynal of Monongahela Sunday.

Miss Marie Lorent of Blairsville is visiting at the home of her uncle Joseph Haube.

John C. Wilson of Vesta visited with Mr. and Mrs. John G. Steinbaugh of Fallowfield avenue Sunday.

Mrs. Ernest Whitehead and daughter Helen have returned to their home at Carrick after visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Whitehead of Prospect avenue.

Miss Cora Hewitt of Ellsworth visited with Miss Bess Richie of Second street.

Mrs. Jennie and Gertrude Friedlander of Homestead have been visiting their cousin, Mrs. J. Lichter of Fallowfield avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reed and baby of Homestead spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Root Reed of Fallowfield avenue.

Miss Hazel Deiters of Crest avenue has returned from Wilkinsburg where she visited with friends.

Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Sickman visited with the former's parents at Bruceton Sunday.

Mrs. Della Reed of Homestead spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Lysle of Fallowfield avenue.

Miss Alfreda Painter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Painter of Pittsburg is visiting with Mrs. Willis J. McCook, Jr., of Third street.

Misses Helen and Laura Viptue of Mt. Gilead, Ohio, are spending their of Followfield avenue.
vacation with Miss Laura E. Lysle

John McDermott of Munhall visited with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McDermott of Crest avenue Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Reitz of Pittsburg were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Dorbritz of Crest avenue.

Capt J. K. Hein suffered a fainting spell due to stomach and nervous trouble while attending the Christ Lutheran church Sunday evening and had to be taken home. Today he is considerably improved in health, but is still bothered by sharp headaches.

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What Mexico Was Once.

There was a time when the United States was not so large in area as Mexico. The empire that Spain claimed included Texas, California, Arizona and New Mexico and other western lands, even before Louisiana was bought.

In the days before this country acquired Texas and before other areas had been bought Mexico and the United States were of about the same size. The Mexican boundaries have shrunk, those of the United States have expanded. Now Mexico has only about one-fourth of the area of the United States.

Mexico today contains about 765,000 square miles. It is as large as Great Britain, France, Germany, Austria and Ireland. But the five largest states of this country—Texas, California, Montana, New Mexico and Arizona—exceed all Mexico in area. The border between this country and Mexico is about 1,800 miles long and for 1,400 miles is easily crossed at most seasons.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Shoplifters In Europe.

Shoplifting in European cities is an organized system of brigandage.

In America and England it is usually the independent undertaking of a single sneak thief. But in European cities this sort of larceny is carried on by organizations of thieves directly under the control of some receiver of stolen goods. The thefts are not done in a haphazard manner, as with us—that is to say, the taking of any convenient article on the chance that it can be disposed of. Under the foreign system the "fence," or receiver of stolen goods, furnishes these thieves with a list of the articles that he can handle with the greatest facility and the largest profit. They go out to the shops to find precisely the articles their employer wishes. In one city alone the profits of a little group of these thieves, thus organized and working under a fence, amounted to over $40,000 in one year.—Saturday Evening Post.

When to Bend Your Knees.

Here is a hint for you. In case you should happen to be caught in a falling elevator bend your knees. One day an elevator in a sixteen story building became disabled and fell from the seventh floor to the basement. There were seven passengers in the car. Alive to the danger, the car operators shouted: "The car is going to fall! Turn your backs to the door and bend your knees!" Six of the seven passengers obeyed and escaped injury, although the car landed with a crash that sounded all through the building. The seventh rider failed to obey the order and suffered fractures of the right thigh bone and of the right knee and lacerations, because he was facing the door and the broken glass showered upon him when the car struck.—New York Letter in Pittsburgh Dispatch.

FORGIVING JOHNSTON

A Story For Independence Day

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"Grandfather [illegible] Every [illegible] Fourth of July [illegible]."

[illegible]

[illegible] the British troops [illegible] Johnston lived in the sub[illegible] he raised chickens and garden truck as well as working [illegible]. He was often plundered by the British soldiers, who came out from the city to forage on the country. He was a strong patriot, but as a Quaker would not resist the foragers. Of course his nonresistant principles became known among the soldiers, and since they could rob him with less danger than a fighting man they confined their attention to him till they had well nigh stripped him of everything he possessed.

"His children were obliged to bear all this, for none of them dared oppose him, but finally there came a time when they banded together to stop the plundering. There were Pardon and Daniel, his two sons—Daniel was my father—and Patience and Prudence, his two daughters. The boys conspired together that the next time a party of redcoats came on to the premises they would drive them off. Of course they could not do this with staves; they must use firearms. They made loopholes in the wooden walls of the barn and gathered there a stock of muskets and ammunition.

"The first thing the old man knew he heard firing in the direction of the barn. Looking out through a window, he saw half a dozen soldiers chasing his chickens about and puffs of smoke emanating from the sides of the barn. He understood what was going on and stepping out on to the roof of the front porch, called out in a loud voice to his sons:

"'Boys, cease this firing! It is better that every chicken in the yard should be taken than one drop of blood should be drawn!'

"But either the boys did not hear him or if they did they paid no attention to his command. One of the soldiers fell, and his comrades ceased chasing the chickens and turned their attention to those in the barn. The troopers had short guns with them, for they were mounted men, and they began a fusillade, which drew a more rapid fire from my uncle and my father in the barn.

"The old gentleman, when he found that he could not stop his boys fighting, stalked back and forth on the porch roof, struggling with his desire to enter the fray himself. After a time he went into the house and brought out his rifle, but got the better of his pugnacity, stood the gun up against the house and resumed his walk. It was said that his lips moved in prayer to be saved from the sin of fighting.

"One of the girls, Prudence, was in the barn with her brothers, and she was firing through a loophole. The Johnstons' ammunition was running low, and if not replenished they would lose the fight. Prudence volunteered to run the gantlet to the house and bring them more powder and lead, urging upon her brothers that the soldiers would not shoot a woman. They finally consented, and, emerging from the door, she ran like the wind to the house.

"The old man saw her coming and surmised what for. He shouted to her to run fast and at the same time, forgetting himself, used unseemly language to the soldiers, who were firing at her. Presently she stumbled and fell. Her father seized his rifle and, leaping from the roof, ran toward the soldiers. Possibly he thought it not quite so sinful to use his gun as a club as to fire it. At any rate, he ran in among the soldiers, his blows falling on them with the rapidity of lightning and the weight of a sledgehammer. Several of them fell with broken skulls, and the rest took to their heels.

"Now, my grandfather having driven them off, there was no need for him to commit a further sin by following them. But he did, and, since he could run faster than they, he kept well up with them and brought his rifle down on one of them with such force that the stock was shivered.

"The fight being over, the boys and girls went to the assistance of the wounded and with difficulty prevented their father from dispatching them. However, they carried them all into the house and attended to their wounds, nearly all of which had been given them by Mr. Forgiving Johnston.

"Those soldiers who got away reported the trouble, and an aide to General Howe went out to the farm to look into it. He reported that the men had got just what they deserved.

"My grandfather never got over forgetting his principles of nonresistance. He could not after that endure his name Forgiving, so he changed it to Forgetful."

There Was a Postscript.

A dentist had a patient with whom he had for years a friendly as well as a professional association, and when the patient came to him to have a tooth extracted he was cordially received.

"Will you give us a song?" the dentist suggested.

The [illegible] gave a dramatic [illegible] recent dental [illegible] the [illegible].

"No [illegible]," said the dentist. "You're [illegible]."

[illegible]

[illegible] the tooth was [illegible] that he had [illegible] you [illegible] the party?"

"You're [illegible] and nervous," the dentist replied. Then he [illegible] with a grin: "Besides, I'd to gas when you called."

A Submarine Water Supply.

In the Persian Gulf, about twenty miles from the Arabian coast, is a group of islands the largest of which is called Bahrein. This island, which is twenty miles in length and ten in width, is low and sandy in most places, but here and there an oasis rich in date palms dots the island with spots of green. "The Mountain of the Mist," in the center, rises to the height of 400 feet. The 8,000 people who live in Manomeh, its largest town, are mostly Arabs of the fanatical Wahabi sect. Fish and seaweed are their chief food, and the only fresh water they have to drink is brought from springs at the bottom of the sea. The natives, with goatskin bags, dive to the bottom and, holding the openings down upon the bubbling spring, swim to the surface with their bags filled with sweet water. The extensive pearl fisheries, for which the islands have always been famous, is their one great industry.—Christian Herald.

A Grand Rout.

It is not always the largest foe who can make the greatest disturbance and cause the most confusion. In his "Hunting Grounds of the Great West" Richard Irving Dodge tells of a little incident of the Mexican war which proves that it is quality, not quantity, which is most effective.

While General Taylor's little army was marching from Corpus Christi to Matamoras a soldier on the flank of the column fired at a bull. The animal charged, and the soldier, taking to his heels, ran into the column. The bull, undaunted by the number of the enemy, followed him headlong, scattering several regiments like chaff, and finally escaped unhurt, having demoralized and put to flight an army which a few days after covered itself with glory by victoriously encountering five times its number of human enemies.

How They Say It In South America.

The mission schools in South America yield a rich harvest of mistakes in English, such as are always imminent because of the close similarity between Spanish and English. The consonants "b" and "v" in Spanish are practically interchangeable. A teacher, having given some dictation to her class, was therefore not so astonished as amused to have it come back to her:

Then give to the world the vest you have,
And the vest will come back to you

The same teacher has kept a collection of some other slips which need no explanation. "I don't could." "A pigeon with a rag tied round its paw." "My father is very thick." "My watch is not well; it is anticipate." "I have to wash my hair very often because it is so fat."—New York Globe.

Not With Malice.

"Look here," said the head of the firm, "I want to give you a pointer."

"Yes, sir," the office boy respectfully replied.

"If I hear you humming any more popular songs around here I'll discharge you."

"All right. I don't do it no more. I wouldn't of done it this time only me lips is sore and I can't whistle."—Chicago Herald.

Remembrance.

"Every time you see a pretty girl you forget that you are married," his better half complained bitterly.

"On the other hand, my dear," he replied sadly, "nothing brings home to me the fact with so much force."

After which war and tariff seemed pretty tame affairs.—Judge.

A Difficult Task.

"What does he do for a living?"

"Writes jokes for the funny papers."

"What kind?"

(Absently) "Oh, humorous ones, I suppose."—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Scientific Order.

Mr. Pessimist—What is a consulting specialist anyhow? Mr. Optimist—Oh, he's the big doctor that says you are going to die and tells you how to do it properly.—Judge.

The Remedy.

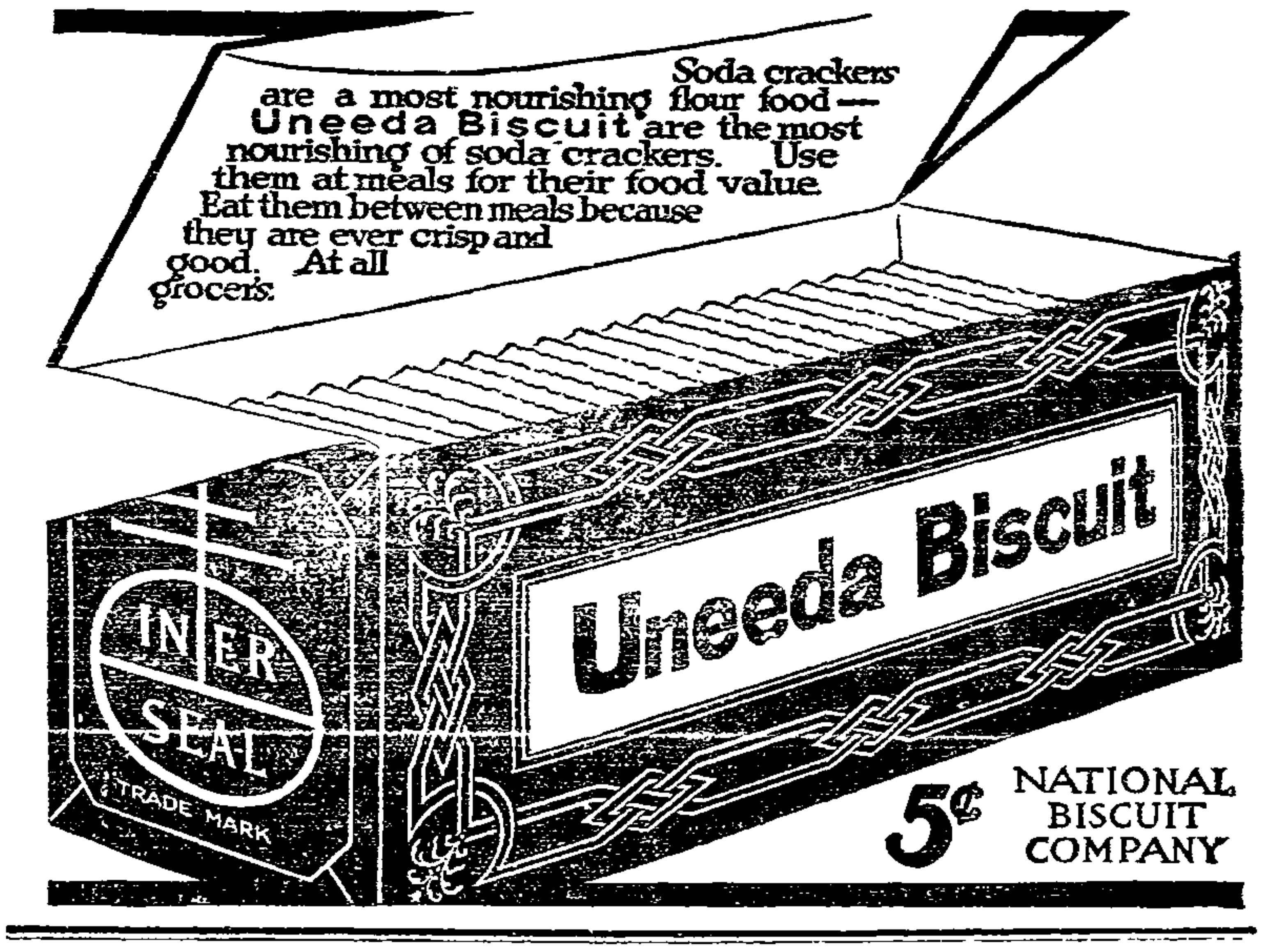
"Bill seems to be afraid to think for himself."

"Then he'd better get married."—Philadelphia Ledger.

No Value Received.

Barkus—Thingembob married for money. Bitus—His wife didn't get the worth of her wealth.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

You cannot "catch up" in life as you can at school; you are marked on your daily average.



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Real Envy.

A considerable mingling of social classes occurs in our hill village, writes a correspondent, owing to the townfolk's practice of renting summer cottages in our midst and living there neighborly with the real working people for whom the places were built. In one such case the resident from town was an unmarried lady; the "genuine" cottager next door had a husband who, to put it mildly, was notoriously no blessing to her. Making a friendly call one day the wife was greatly impressed by the pleasant air of comfort and well being achieved in a cottage otherwise the duplicate of her own. She looked round with a mildly envious air and earnestly remarked, on a little sigh, "Ee, Miss X—, you ought to be 'appy—no 'usband nor nothin'."—Manchester Guardian.

The Portuguese Rebanadas.

A dish as much eaten by the Portuguese as mince pie by Americans is the rebanadas. It is of Moorish origin and is easily and quickly prepared, as befitted the habits of a nomadic race. Thick slices of bread are soaked in new milk, fried in olive oil and then spread with honey and eaten hot. The result is something delicious, and those who have once tasted the rebanadas will want to taste it again.

Smart Boy.

A teacher was taking a class of boys on the subject of war, and the following statements were heard:

Teacher—A bullet is driven out of a gun by means of exploding gunpowder.

Small Boy—I always thought a bullet was lead, not driven.

A Spanish Custom.

It is customary throughout Spain for the waiters of cafes to fill a glass of wine or liquor so that it overflows upon the saucer. This custom, in which it is desired to show an appearance of liberality, is called "the foot bath."

Depends on Circumstances.

"Pa, what does mother mean when she calls you a matrimonial misfit?"

"My son, she never means the same thing twice. I cannot answer your question."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Regular Order

Collector—Did you look at that little bill I left yesterday, sir? House Member—Yes. It has passed the first reading.—Boston Globe.

All Arranged.

"Say, pa, I bet Bobby Smith 10 cents today you could lick his dad in fifteen minutes, so be sure and keep Saturday afternoon open."—Puck.

And He Knew It.

The Professor—I'm afraid, my dear young lady, that you find statistics very dry things. The Dear Young Lady—Not always. Lieutenant Smyth told me there were 1,000,000,000 people in the world and that I was the prettiest girl of the lot.—London Opinion.

An Uncanny Custom.

In ancient Egypt at the end of a fashionable dinner a mummy richly painted and gilded was presented to each guest in turn by a servant, who said: "Look on this. Drink and enjoy yourself. For such as it is now, so thou shalt be when thou art dead."

Not Too High.

"What is the height of your ambition?"

"I don't exactly know, but I think she comes up to my shoulders."—Philadelphia Record.

The Only Kind.

"I've come across a man who knows how to manage his wife."

"Lead me to him at once."

"Can't; this isn't visiting day at his asylum."—Baltimore American.

True.

"Life is a good deal like baseball."

"In what way?"

"It's the man who can make the hits that gets the money."—Detroit Free Press.

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